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Serial No. : 10/089,392

For : ESTER-GROUP-CLEAVING ENZYME FROM  
THERMOMONOSPORA FUSCA

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November 4, 2004  
(Date of Signature)

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, setting a three-month period for reply. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a), a two-month extension of the term for reply, i.e., up to and including November 4, 2004 is requested. Submitted herewith is a check for \$430.00, in payment of the fee required therefore for a large entity. The Commissioner is hereby

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authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit  
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Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows: